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Application of: Antonie NEUBAUER, et al) Confirm. No.: 5659  
Serial No.: 10/624,149 ) Art Unit: 1648  
Filed: July 21, 2003 ) Examiner: Ali Reza Salimi  
For: gM-NEGATIVE EHV-MUTANTS WITHOUT HETEROLOGOUS  
ELEMENTS  
Docket No.: 1/1372

May 2, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to a communication from the Examiner in charge of the subject application, which communication was mailed on March 3, 2006. In that Office Action, a three month shortened statutory period was set for response, and this Reply is therefore timely. If it is determined, however, that an extension of time is necessary, Applicants hereby petition for the necessary extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorize that any fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and any other fees due in connection with this Reply be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. In addition, Applicants also request that any subsequently filed reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission be treated as if it incorporated such petition for an extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) and hereby authorize that any fees due in connection therewith be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two (2) of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page eight (8) of this paper.